Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Arthur L. Canary is respectfully known by his colleagues in Corrections as "Mr. Parole in South Dakota"; and,

WHEREAS, When Art came to South Dakota in July of 1955, already a sixteen-year veteran of the federal and Minnesota prison systems, he was immediately assigned the enormous responsibility of creating a state parole system from scratch; and,

WHEREAS, Convincing South Dakotans of the value of parole was one of Art's most difficult tasks in those early days, and it required him to lobby the legislators, speak cogently to civic groups, and even write some of the early laws; and,

WHEREAS, Art Canary was so successful in those initial endeavors that twenty-eight years later he is still the Executive Director of the Board of Pardons and Paroles. He has also been the President of the South Dakota Corrections Association; President of the Central States Corrections Association; and namesake of the Corrections Association's highest honor, the Satnam-Canary Award. Art also has the special distinction of being the charter member of the Bruised Nose and Swollen Lip Club; and,

WHEREAS, Art will be retiring from his position on his birthday, October 7, 1983, and his strong leadership and common sense will be sorely missed. From his "birdcage," Canary implemented a correctional philosophy, still being followed today, that has produced results far above the national average; and,

WHEREAS, There are great respect and high regard in South Dakota for the work of Art Canary, and his influence will be felt long after he leaves on October 7:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 21, 1983, as

ART CANARY DAY

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, In Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-sixth Day of August, In the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

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